

SOVIET BORDER CLOSED TO U. S. COMMUNISTS

Acting upon advice that the borders of Soviet Russia have been closed, the Latvian consul at New York has refused to issue passports for forty Russian communists who are scheduled to be deported from Ellis Island tomorrow, the Labor Department was advised today.

Libau, but the Latvian consul refuses to issue the passports on grounds that the deportees would not be permitted to enter Russia.

The Labor Department has asked the State Department for confirmation of reports that the Russian border is closed and unless this confirmation is forthcoming the deportees will sail tomorrow as scheduled.

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A CHRONICLE OF EVENTS
WITH SIDE LIGHTS ON THE MEN
AND WOMEN WHO MAKE UP
WASHINGTON'S COMPLEX AND
INTERESTING SOCIAL LIFE

I WAS the Russia of Bakst and Serge de Diaghileff to which society was introduced last night, the Russia of the past, colorful and gorgeous, picturesque and jewel bedecked and touched with the finger of romance. The occasion was the ball given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Breckinridge Long for the benefit of the real and tragic Russia of the present or, more particularly, for the Russian refugees who are in exile in many far corners of the world.

There have been balls galore in Washington of late and many of them costume balls, but none has achieved the almost startling beauty of the function last night which inaugurated "Russian Relief Week." In the first place the setting was unusual. The house which Mr. and Mrs. Long have been occupying for several years was built by the late Mrs. Franklin MacVeagh as a birthday gift for her husband while he was Secretary of the Treasury. And has historic interest from the fact that the King and Queen of the Belgians were entertained there during their visit to Washington.

Its long music room, with the organ at one end, balancing the great stone chimney piece at the other, and the adjoining drawing room open together as though designed for dancing and are filled with rare and beautiful things from all quarters of the world. The huge square dining room, where supper was served, was dimly lit from above and further lighted by burning tapers in tall standards. One side of the great room is missing, showing the rich green of the tropic plants which fill the great conservatory, the whole bathed in odd blue light last evening. Viewed down the vista of the long rooms, this made a strangely lovely background for the shifting figures in bright gowns and barbaric head-dresses which took on an air of other worldliness.

IN RUSSIAN COSTUME.

Many of the guests were in Russian costume, but for the most part the women topped off their strictly modern evening gowns with the beautiful and barbaric kakoshnik, the ceremonial headpiece of old Russia. The headpiece is generally and genuinely becoming and the glittering jewels, rich brocades and flowing veils of tulle or rare old lace contributed tremendously to an effective picture.

Mrs. Robert Lansing, who has been at the head of Russian relief work in Washington, received the guests and presented them to Princess Cantacuzene, granddaughter of General Grant, who has organized groups all over her native land to work for the stricken people of her adopted country. Later in the eve-

ning Princess Cantacuzene was relieved by Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, chairman of the committee which has the several benefits of this week in charge.

Mrs. Lansing wore a gracefully draped gown of white and silver brocade and had added a coronet head-dress of crimson velvet and pearl which was strikingly becoming with her prematurely gray hair. Mrs. Harriman had on a gown of dull silver brocade with a jeweled kakoshnik and strings of pearls pendant over her ears. Princess Cantacuzene's gown was of wine red faille veiled in chiffon of a deep dahlia shade, and she wore a jeweled coronet in her hair.

COURT COSTUMES.

Some of the women wore gowns which were exact replicas of costumes of the period when the Czar's court was marked for its lavishness of dress. Mrs. Frederick Atherton wore a magnificent eleventh century Russian costume, complete from booties to the tall headpiece of medieval type. This was built of hunter's green brocade, as was her flowing furled robe, and richly ornamented with pearls. It was a costume requiring grace and dignity and Mrs. Atherton carried it to perfection.

Miss Louise Delano, barbaric and beautiful, brought to mind "Le Ciel de Feu" or "Le Coque 300." She wore a furred coat of brocade and gold lace, with breeches tucked into gay green boots, and her turban of gold and pearls was decked with two long curving quills. Mrs. Frederick E. Harris, in a skating costume of scarlet velvet and white fur, with a becoming headpiece of pearls, contributed another interesting note.

Mme. de Bach, wife of the counselor of the Russian embassy, had the look of a bride in her white velvet gown and the flowing bridal veil of lace which fell from a coronet of diamonds. There was a real bride present, too, a little Russian lady, who had on the gown in which she had been married not many moons ago—made with a gayly tinted bodice and skirt of exquisite point lace. Exquisite lace shawls and veils, long done up in lavender, were brought out for the ball last night and added a touch of richness to bejeweled headpieces. Mrs. George T. Mayne, who had on an authentic Russian costume, richly embroidered, wore a wonderful lace veil with her kakoshnik of pearls. Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins had a beautiful veil of rose point lace pendant from her blue headpiece. Mrs. Robert Hinckley, with her Russian blue gown, wore a blue kakoshnik which was studded with real jewels, diamond ornaments



PRINCESS CANTACUZENE, head of the Russian relief work in this country, who received with Mrs. Robert Lansing at the Russian ball last night.

which had come down to her from her grandmother. She also wore several decorations on a ribbon across her breast. Her daughter, Miss Gladys Hinckley, was in medieval dress, with a pearl sewn veil and headpiece. Miss Manuela Lloveras, in a white gown, had on an authentic Russian kakoshnik of seed pearls and semi precious stones. Mrs. James Wadsworth, Jr., wearing a bridal headpiece and a lace veil which almost hid her smart evening gown, Mrs. Walter Tuckerman, in old gold, with a gold kakoshnik. Mrs. Robert Woods Elias, dressed in gold brocade and wearing wonderful lace; Mrs. Edwin F. Fuller, with a point lace veil arranged to form a headpiece and a pink gown, and Mrs. Thomas A. Pratt, topped off her rose colored gown with a becoming beaded headpiece were other picturesque figures.

Mrs. Richard Kimball, Miss Isabel May and Mrs. Scott Thropp each wore an odd three-cornered head-dress which was most becoming. Miss May's gown was white, with one pink rose just above her shoulder blade at the back. Mrs. Hokan Steffanson, who with Mrs. Charles Boughton Ward, was the only man in costume. He wore Swedish court dress, blue gray coat, black satin "small," silk stockings and nicked shoes.

Others noted were the Russian Ambassador, Mr. Bukhmesoff; Mme. de Resano, the Argentine Ambassador and Mme. Le Breton, the Serbian Minister and Mme. Grönlund, General John J. Pershing, U. S. A. W. H. de Beaufort, of the Netherlands Legation; Miss Ramona Lefevre, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. Gibson Farnestock, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Stokes, Miss Mabel Boardman, Maj. and Mrs. Richard Kimball, Judge and Mrs. William Bailey Lamar, the American Minister to Switzerland, and Mrs. Hampson Vary, Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Thropp, Mrs. Francis B. Moran, Mrs. Alexander Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Fuller, Mrs. and Mrs. Ward Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hagner, Comdr. and Mrs. Thomas Hagner, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Armat, Mrs. Cromwell Brooks, Mrs. Charles S. Brownell, Miss Betty Connolly, Mrs. Frederick Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Hight, Mrs. Ira Copley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, Col. and Mrs. Clarence Ridley, Mrs. Delos Blodgett, Mrs. Charles Gray Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Logan, Mme. Hauke, Mrs. Veeder, Col. John Quekemyer, U. S. A., Col. William B. Horton, Mrs. Grafton Minot, Mrs. Wilfred Dugay, Mrs. Henry Price Wright, Miss Louise Littauer, Mrs. Charles Morris Evans, Mrs. Charles B. Wood, Mrs. Livingston Farrand, Mrs. Broderick, Miss Anna Hamlin, Mrs. H. H. Rousseau, Miss Enid Sims, Eugene Arnold and Capt. C. J. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Delano Robbins were hosts at one of the most interesting of the numerous dinner parties given before the ball, having among their guests, the Spanish Ambassador and Mme. de Riano and the Chilean Ambassador and Mme. de Mathieu. Former Senator and Mrs. Charles E. Henderson took a dinner party of fourteen to the dance and had Mr. and Mrs. Breckinridge Long among their guests. Prince and Princess Cantacuzene dined with Mrs. Liv-

ington Farrand, who entertained sixteen guests.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Govin entertained a company at dinner and afterward at the dance, their guests including Mr. and Mrs. John W. Davidge, Mr. and Mrs. Effingham Lawrence Townsend, Miss Antoinette Graves, Miss Adeline Oxford, Miss May Govin, Prince Eugene Lubomirski, Chester Lockwood, Arthur Bradley Campbell and James Denby.

Dinners were also given by Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Mayne, Senator Walter Edge, Comdr. and Mrs. Claude B. Mayo and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Logan.

HAMLETS ENTERTAIN.

The Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge will be entertained at dinner tonight by Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hamlin, who will have eighteen guests to meet them.

Today Mrs. Coolidge attended a luncheon at the Children's Hospital, an institution in which she is keenly interested.

Mrs. Coolidge expects to go to Northampton, Mass., early in May for a fortnight's visit with her two sons, Calvin Coolidge, Jr., is celebrating his thirteenth birthday today.

JUSSERANDS IN GOTHAM.

The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand left this morning for New York where they expect to remain until Friday night.

DINNER AT EMBASSY.

The British Ambassador and Lady Jeddah will give a dinner at the embassy tonight, with the Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon and the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Wallace among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gloster Armstrong, of New York, will be guests of the Ambassador and Lady Jeddah at the embassy over the week-end. They are giving another dinner on Saturday evening at which Col. George Harvey, newly appointed ambassador to the Court of St. James, will be a guest.

The Italian Ambassador, Rolando Ricci, accompanied by several members of his staff, will go to New York tonight to attend a large dinner to be given there tomorrow in compliment to the Ambassador by the Italy-American Society at the Astor Hotel.

Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon will take possession on April 20 of the apartment at 1785 Massachusetts avenue, which he has leased. His daughter, Miss Ailes Mellon, who is now in Pittsburgh, will join him then.

Mrs. Henry C. Wallace, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, who has been receiving most informally on Wednesday afternoons, will not be at home today, as she is attending a motion picture exhibition at the Department of Agriculture. A film demonstrating the department's home extension work will be shown to Mrs. Wallace and a small group of invited guests.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sutherland will be hosts at dinner tonight in the Presidential suite of the Willard when they will entertain thirty guests in honor of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes. Among those in the distinguished company will be (Continued on Page Nineteen.)

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